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Interesting. DuPont Burnside and Plaquemine are also interesting facilities.

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Dow Chemical Co. and Dupont Co. are reportedly close to announcing a merger that would create the world's second-largest chemical company whose \$120 billion value would trail only BASF SE.

The deal would also create the largest seed and pesticide company, according to both **The Wall Street Journal** and Bloomberg News. The size of the deal, thought to be the largest in the chemical industry's history, could require the combined company to break into two or three separate businesses.

The Wall Street Journal describes the talks as "advanced" and says the deal could be announced in days.

The impact in Louisiana, where Dow has six locations and Dupont three, are unclear. And some say the deal might not come together at all.

Dow's sites include:

Louisiana Operations. One of the state's largest petrochemical facilities includes a 1,500-acre manufacturing facility near Plaquemine and brine operations in Grand Bayou, and close to 3,000 employees and contract workers. The site makes more than 50 different chemical products, such as chlorine and polyethylene, that are used in cosmetics, detergents, solvents, pharmaceuticals, adhesives, and plastics packaging. At Grand Bayou, Dow mines underground salt and water to produce a brine used in making chlorine.

St. Charles Operations. A 2,000-acre manufacturing site in Hahnville, with more than 100 Dow employees and 1,500 contract workers. Products made there are used in plastics, insecticides, film and fabrics, among other things.

Weeks Island in Iberia Parish. Part of Dow's Optical and Ceramic Technologies business segment. Employs 82 Dow and contract workers. Production process is used in making specialized windows, laser lenses and other optical elements.

Dow Sterlington. The 80-acre site in Ouachita Parish produces more than 40 specialty products used in paints, coatings, metalworking fluids, and water treatment. The site employs 275 Dow and contract workers.

Amerchol Greensburg. The 50-acre site in St. Helena Parish employs 35 people and makes products found in skin and hair-care products, detergents, makeup and toiletries.

Dupont's website lists plants in Burnside, LaPlace and Plaquemine.